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NEWSLETTER

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School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

*Murrabit Group School respectfully acknowledges
the traditional custodians of the land.
We pay respect to their ongoing living culture.*

Dates to Remember:

5th Nov. Melbourne Cup Holiday
6th Nov. School Council
13th Nov Prep Transition 9 -1:45

Hello Everybody,

Camps and Excursions

Yesterday we went to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Thank you to our parents who assisted on the day, they being Sara McNeil, Donna Thomson, Nicole Hein, Michelle Mathews, Carly Ettershank, Karen Maher, Erin Hein, Ang Morton, Elissa Keath, Jo Danson, Jodie Hartley and Chris Murray. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Next week's newsletter will have some reports and photos of the day.

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

A reminder that Melbourne Cup Day is a holiday for the students.

Walk to School and Walk and Talk

Tomorrow is our last Walking School Bus. It has been a great program which has engaged the students throughout the month of October.



Mangoes

A big thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends for the fantastic Mango Drive. Also to the many people who supported the Mango Drive by making purchases. This has been a great fundraiser for the school which will result in an amazing chicken shed next year. It is great to know that children are at the centre of our efforts.

School Council

School Council takes place next Wednesday 6th November at 6pm. I look forward to catching up with School Council members for our second last meeting of the year.

Remembrance Day

Next Wednesday, the 6th November, Mr Max Molloy from the RSL will be speaking to the students about the significance of Remembrance Day. On Monday 11th November we will attend the community service which begins at 10:30am.

Have a great week, **Greg**

Parents & Friends

We'd like to thank everyone who has helped sell mangoes for the Chook shed project we have raised over \$1000 by selling over 200 trays of Mangoes which will be delivered in December once harvest is determined! Well done!

We hope all the school kids, parents & teachers enjoyed the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production. This excursion is part funded by all the fundraising the Parents & Friends Group complete throughout year.

The Book Fair & Lions Dinner are both coming up this month. More details in coming weeks.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting a date/time is still to be confirmed that will suit everyone.

Thanks, Sara and Michelle

Book Fair

Collins Books Echuca will be conducting a Book Fair on **Thursday 21st November** from 1pm to 6pm. They will be bringing children's, adult and gift books for purchase. A great way to do your Christmas shopping! Please let family and friends know of this opportunity to buy and to support our school fundraising.

Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for the Market to be held on **2nd November** are:- **Hein N&E, Hein B&N, McDonald, West, Shae, McNeil, Murray**
Team Leader: Morton



Italian:

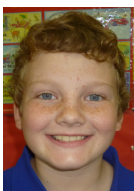
Casey Heffer – for good counting of the euros



Pippy Morton – for a great job reading body book and counting euros



Charlie Henderson – for a good job playing the body parts game



Caleb Simmonds – for having a super memory and aceing his revision / test results



Students of the Week:



Evan McNeil - for his great work in Maths. Keep up the excellent problem solving Evan!



Jobe Hein – for being a superstar in spelling for his strength in 'bar' work

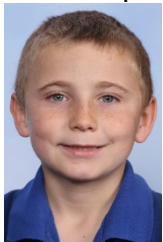
Harrison Maher – for being an amazing Mathematician – our square number, times tables king



Lachlan Maher – for his improved writing

Music:

Evan McNeil - for good singing and co operating



Austin Gurnett - for helping Mrs Coulter and Mrs Jones sort out the dress ups.



Joanne Wescombe - for great singing and tapping rhythms



Harrison Maher - for a nice job singing our aboriginal song and for great focus being creative on the iPad using GarageBand



Angie Jones

Curators

November – 1st Half – Morton

- 2nd Half – Edgley

December – 1st Half – Heffer

-2nd Half – Hein B&N



Sue's News

Shotput Champion Jack!

Congratulations to strongman Jack who competed at the State Athletic Championships in Melbourne last Thursday. He qualified for the final and came 7th overall. Jack did a 'personal best' of 10.76cm. An awesome feat! Well done, we are so proud of you!

Jack: It was a hotter day than I thought and Dad took me to Melbourne in the V8. We got stuck in traffic on Kings Way and it took us about an hour to go 4 km. I thought my event was at 11.30am and I was in the call room for a long time. When I eventually got out, a kid asked me what disability I had! OH NO! I told the official I did not have a disability and I had to return to the call room where they realised I was not in that event!! Gees, that was embarrassing and in the warm-up, I wondered why I could 'put' that far compared to the others - Dad thought I was a sure thing! Anyway, finally about an hour later I was out there again! I was excited to qualify for the final! But guess what...a little bit of my pinky toe was out the back of the circle and the grumpy referee disqualified me! My best throw was 10.76 cm and I came 7th overall. It was a

great experience and I hope to go again next year. I wonder if anyone else can qualify like me... I hope so!

Jump Rope for Heart...

..... a sensational effort!

Can you believe that we raised over our target of \$1000. Wait for it... our total was **\$1316.05c** (the 5 cents being from Morton's dog, Randy). Thank you to everyone who came on board and supported this very worthy cause! Without a doubt, a wonderful effort from a small rural school. Thank you to Judi for her work with organizing the money and ordering the prizes!

Barham Lakes Cluster Camp...we rocked!

Our Mighty Murrabit children were excellent ambassadors for our school. We had lots of fun and enjoyed our two days away! Thank you to Mr Adams for doing the 'behind the scenes paper work' and a **BIG** thanks to Ms Bentley and Mrs McLaren for organising the cabin and activity groups. Special thanks to our super students who helped me prior to camp and during pack-up at camp. You were awesome! Some camp writing:

Jed: On Monday and Tuesday, we had an awesome camp at Barham Lake Caravan Park. We did heaps of activities. First we did Art with Miss Bentley. We painted bags and then we put sticks and leaves on the bags and let them dry. Then, we had morning tea, it was yum. After that, we did the activities. My group started at Ninja Warrior, Xav and I got the fastest time. At the end of the Ninja Warriors, Sue gave us a lolly snake. I got the red and purple ones because they are my favourite. After Ninja Warrior, we did cooking and we made pancakes but I didn't really like them. Multi-sports I didn't like either. After multi-sports, we did fishing. When we got ready, Mr McMillan caught a fish and I got it out of the river but sadly it was a carp. Guess what? Mr McMillan was too scared to pick it up.....scaredy cat! After the activities, we had free time and would you believe I was the first person to get in the pool. IT WAS FREEZING!!!! I did a belly flop, it hurt. Then we got out of the pool and got changed and went fishing but unfortunately we didn't catch anything. After tea time, we walked around the Lake, Sue told us that a boy drowned in the lake from Melbourne many years ago.

The next morning, we had a bush tabloid. My team was called the Kangaroos. We were best at the spear throwing and scored 58 points. I was good at the frisbee catch and the hardest one was the boot in the box/barrel and the thong in the esky/tub. Top score was 6 points and we got that too! One team only got 2 points! Our next activity was the photo trail where we had to find lots of picture clues. Ethan was my buddy and we found the whole 19 and the easiest one was the bike at the entrance.

We had lunch. I had a chicken sandwich which was delicious. We had some free time while we waited for our parents to pick us up. It was a great two days. I hope we can go camping again!

Xavier: *On Monday, we had our camp. I was so excited when we got to the camp and we played on the playground. It had tyres dug into the ground, we played around and around on the playground for about one hour. Sue called us to the tree, oh I forgot, we had to put our bags under the tree. When we all sat down, Sue gave us the rules and we got into our cabins. Ours was tiny and I was with Cooper and three Koondrook people. We set up our cabins then did the first activity. I was with Jed in my activity group. Jed and I paired up in the Ninja Warrior. We went last and we had the fastest time of 3.01 seconds. We had cooking next and it was a lot more boring, we made pikelets, ours were terrible. I think they had too much flour or something like that. Next we had lunch, I had a pizza roll. After lunch we had half an hours play and then we went to the multi-sports. We did some games and other things, it felt like three hours. Last but not least, fishing. Mr McMillan caught a carp, he let it die on the bank. Nobody caught anything in our group after I hooked myself with the hook. After we did all the activities, we had free time and mostly everyone went into the pool. After about ten minutes, I got out and did some fishing (the first time I fished on the camp, I got one bite.) Dustie got lots of bites but didn't catch anything. After we had free time we had tea, it was sausages. We did a walk around the lake, it started to get dark so we turned on our torches and we walked back to the camp. Mr Adams and some other teachers cooked damper. While it was cooking Mr Rinaldi sang some songs, I don't mean some songs, I mean a lot of songs and that got boring after a while.*

We got to bed at 9.30pm, the damper was nice. When we went into the cabins, I was in the cabin with Cooper and three Koondrook kids. Caleb, a Koondrook kid wouldn't stop talking. We all told him to shut-up so we could get to sleep. So finally, he went to sleep. Cooper spewed at 2 in the morning and I only got 4 hours sleep because I woke at 5.30am. We were allowed to get out of the cabins at 7.00am. We played on the playground for about an hour then everyone had breakfast. Lucky I was near the front of the line because the coco pops were gone quick. They had juice there and Jed got the last tropical juice. After breakfast, we had the bush tabloid which had things like spearing a cardboard kangaroo and lots of other games that were not linked like sack racing and frisbee throwing. We finished that at about 10.30 then some of the Murrabit people helped Sue pack up the bush tabloid. We had morning tea and next was the photo trail. We got ours done quickly. Xenon, one of the bosses of the park helped us out and said there were three big goldfish in the pond which was one of the picture clues.

We had lunch and played on the playground until our parents picked us up at 2.30pm. It was a fun camp and my favourite activity was fishing but hopefully next time I can catch a fish!

Leah: *On Monday, the Grade 3/4s went to the Barham Lakes Camp. It wasn't just Murrabit who went. There were kids from other schools there too. Let me tell you all about it.*

I was in a cabin with Claire, Shanae, Amber (my next door neighbour), Hazel and Cheyenne. I snuck lollies into my cabin, I mean, who wouldn't! On the first day of camp I was so excited and I wanted the camp to hurry up and start. First we sat down and the one rule was COMMON SENSE but there was only one child that did not listen. I might tell you about him later. The second thing we did was make these awesome bags with Sally. We put spray on the bag so that the dye we were using would stay on the bag. Then we went and collected sticks, leaves and feathers. We dyed the bags and placed the collected things on the bag in the sun. Next, we put our stuff in the cabins and set up our beds. Then, we had a yummy morning tea and after this, we started our first two activities. I went fishing first. Let me tell you, I was hopeless at casting a line and had to get Dustie to do it for me. Next, we went to the

Ninja warrior course with Sue and Mrs McLaren. Yay! Sue was amazing and a great host. We had to run through tyres, jump gates, climb wooden frames, run through trees, and ride a little bike through a slalom course. We had to toss a target and other stuff. I was the BEST! After that, we had lunch and I played with Ivy and Maddi on the tyres. Then we did two more activities which were cooking and multi sports.

I have to go now so I will tell you more about camp next time... It was a great two days and I loved meeting new friends. I wish we could do it again.

Charles: *You won't believe what happened the past two days. Well, you don't need to guess because I'll tell you all about it. First, I need to tell you what happened that morning. I was so excited! I woke up early and at eight thirty we set off to camp but I did say we needed to go at nine but we kept going anyway. Then we arrived at Barham Lakes but we got there too early so I had to help set up art. It was really fun and then everyone else arrived at 9.30. I met an old friend from the Koondrook School and his name was Thomas. Then we did art and what we did for art was a real mystery at first, as everyone had to gather all kinds of stuff off the ground but later on it made sense to me. We painted our bags and then we added the stuff in a pattern. After art, we started our activities which were cooking, multi-sports, fishing and Ninja Warriors. My favourite was Ninja warriors.*

On day two we did a bush tabloid and my favourite bit was the spear throwing. So what I mean by spear throwing is spearing a muscly kangaroo... it was funny. The most difficult activity was tossing the boots, thongs and shoes in the bin, box or esky. The hardest thing was throwing the thong in the esky because it was unbelievably small! To be continued...

Halloween Fun

Don't forget to come **dressed up** in something **scary** tomorrow. I have a number of spare props that may be borrowed. Read next week's newsletter to see what we get up to... **beware** if you enter the Grade 2/3/4 classroom!

P.S. Remember to bring sensible clothes for Bike Education!

3-6 Bike Education Camp P-2 Sleepover

Information regarding these two events will be out by next Friday the 8th of November. Thank you to all those who have offered to assist for the Bike Camp.

Thanks Sue

PORTSEA CAMP 2020



The 2020 Portsea Camp will be held
Monday 2nd – Monday 9th
January 2020
For children aged 9-12 years.
A week by the sea enjoying summer activities

Application forms available at the
Gannawarra Library Service
Kerang ~ Quambatook
Cohuna ~ Leitchville

For More information please email

Email: kerangportseagroup@gmail.com

Closes: 9th Nov 2019 (Unless extended)

Inclusive cost \$390

Support available for eligible families



Junior Golf

Barham Golf Club has junior golf every Sunday at 9:30 am
Clubs are provided or bring your own.
\$2.00 per session.

Absence Note

Student Name.....

Date of Absence.....

Reason for Absence (please tick)

- illness
 family reasons
 medical appointment
 holiday
 other(reason)

Signed:.....
(Parent/Guardian)

Market Swap

Name.....

I have swapped market duty

with.....

For the (month) market

Music:

